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CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2 SECTION: 17.7

TITLE: DENIS-BROWNE SPLINT

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RELATED AUTHORITY: 32 CFR 199.4(d)(3)(viii)

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

November 1, 1983

II. PROCEDURE CODE(S)

- A. CPT codes 29590
- B. HCPCS Level II codes L3140, L3150

III. POLICY

A Denis-Browne splint is covered as an orthopedic brace in connection with Talipes Equinovarus, a type of clubfoot. (ICD-9 diagnosis 754.51).

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Replacement shoes are covered when necessary due to growth of a child's foot.
- B. Claims for shoes must be developed to document that the shoes are attached as an integral part of the brace. [38 CFR 17.272(a)(45)(i)]

END OF POLICY